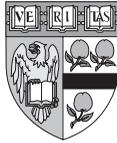


HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 7, 2021

11 am

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES UPON ENTERING
THE SANCTUARY OF THE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Processional (1964)

William Mathias (1934-1992)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Old Hundredth

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Isaiah 2

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

Minister: Come, let us set out in the light of the Lord!

CONFESSION

In unison:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, and whose mercy we forget: cleanse us from all offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; that humbly we may draw near to thee, confessing our faults, confiding in thy grace, and finding in thee our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

No. 203, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

St. Denio

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

GREETING & THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." Give online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>.

Eternal Light (1958)

Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support,
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Alcuin (ca. 735–804)

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and sings.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all people here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40: 21–31

from the New Revised Standard Version (OT)

ANTHEM

“Nunc dimittis” from *The Gloucester Service* (1946)

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
According to thy word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
And to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever, shall be, world without end. Amen.

after Luke 2:29–32

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1: 29–39

from the New Revised Standard Version (NT)

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation remains seated.

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to
see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

In unison:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer Hymn is repeated.

SERMON

Testimony and Hope

HYMN

No. 333, "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Regent Square

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D major (1927)

Marcel Lanquetuit (1894-1985)

OUR MISSION

The Memorial Church of Harvard University is a space of grace in the center of the Yard, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ. Affectionately known as "MemChurch," we pursue partnerships within and beyond Harvard, empowering community members to serve the world as well-informed, compassionate, moral citizens. Through worship and ministry outreach, MemChurch aims to promote justice and mercy by confronting life's challenges, differences, and our own imperfections with courage, empathy, and an ethic of love. By doing so, the Memorial Church seeks to educate minds, expand hearts, and enrich lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 7, 2021

WELCOME

Today is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church, and the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. You will also hear the voices of some of the family members and friends with whom we are sheltering and for whose help with the liturgy we are most grateful. The first lesson is read by Suzanne Hamner. The second lesson is read by Easley Hamner. The music for this Sunday's service is provided by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster. The offertory and anthem are taken from archival recordings of the Harvard University Choir. The prelude and postlude this morning were recorded on the organ at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska this past week by David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Leo Sowerby spent most of his career in Chicago, where he was on the faculty of the American Conservatory for more than forty years, and organist and choirmaster of St. James Episcopal Cathedral for nearly as long. Winner of the 1946 Pulitzer Prize for Music, for his *Canticle of the Sun*, Sowerby was often called the "Dean of American church music" and he ended his career at the Washington National Cathedral where he became the founding director of the College of Church Musicians. Sowerby's serene *Eternal Light* is a setting of the beautiful medieval 8th-century Alcuin prayer.

Herbert Howells was born in Gloucestershire, England, and studied with Charles Stanford and Charles Wood at the Royal College of Music. He was the most important English composer of the generation to succeed Elgar, Vaughan Williams, and Holst, and his contribution to the renaissance of English choral music in the twentieth century is unparalleled. Howells composed over twenty settings of the Evening Canticles (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis), and the one for Gloucester Cathedral is one of the earliest and one of his most famous. The ethereal, soaring melodies of the Nunc Dimittis reflect the architecture of one of Britain's most beautiful cathedrals.

William Mathias was one of the foremost Welsh composers of the twentieth century. He composed fluently in a wide variety of genres, though internationally remains most well-known for his organ and sacred choral music. One of his most popular organ pieces, *Processional*, is a cheerful, rondo-like march. A student of Marcel Dupré, Marcel Lanquetuit studied at the Paris Conservatory and was appointed principal organist at St. Ouen in Rouen, France, a position he held until his death. Known as a concert organist and pedagogue, his reputation as a composer is almost solely based on the exciting *Toccata in D major*, one of few works that survived a house fire in 1940.

INSTAGRAM LIVE

Join us on Instagram Live for a brief reflection on a practice on Thursdays at 7:00pm! Be sure to follow us *@memchurch!*

PRACTICING HOPE READING GROUP

You are warmly invited to join the Practicing Hope Book Group, which meets once a month, on Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00pm. This semester, we'll continue reading and discussing books about practicing hope: on February 10 we'll discuss Dorothy Day's *The Long Loneliness*; on March 10, we'll discuss Philip Hallie's *Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed*; and we'll conclude on April 14 (Selected reading: TBA). To register, please visit the Calendar on our website.

DAILY NEWSLETTER

Our daily newsletter is back! We will share the meditations, music, spiritual practices, and prayers of our far-flung community. This is also the way to receive the most up to date information about the communal and worship life of the Memorial Church. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please subscribe on our website.

MEMCAFÉ

Held virtually on Wednesday mornings from 9:30–10:15am from February 3 to April 28. Sit down at your computer or mobile device with your morning coffee and gather with us over Zoom. Each week as we check in with one another, we invite you to share a 1-2 sentence quote that has been grounding for you. Everyone is welcome! To register, please visit the Calendar on our website.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through sixteen. All classes are held on Sundays in the Fall and Spring Terms from 10:00–10:45am. To register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

The Faith and Life Forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. The Forum is held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms from 9:30–10:30am. The Forum will continue next Sunday, February 14 with Imam Dr. Khalil Abdur-Rashid, Muslim Chaplain to Harvard University. To participate, please visit the Faith and Life Forum page on our website.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Rev. Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to learn more about opportunities for faith formation.

WORSHIP

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM in term; a live stream of the service is available at whrb.org. Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, memorialchurch.harvard.edu, during the week following the service. Sunday Sermons and Morning Prayers are also available on SoundCloud at <http://bit.ly/sundaysermons> and <http://bit.ly/morningprayers> respectively, and on iTunes—search “Harvard Memorial Church” from your iTunes app.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be Imam Dr. Khalil Abdur-Rashid, Muslim Chaplain to Harvard University.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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para. of Psalm 100
William Kethe, 1561, alt.

OLD HUNDREDTH LM
Genevan Psalter, 1551

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with -
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
4 For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Walter C. Smith, 1867, alt.

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Welsh melody, c. 1810

adapt. John Roberts, 1839

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; in
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine

light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most
 want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy
 all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; we
 an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all

bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, al -
 jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove thy
 blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree, and
 praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'tis

might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

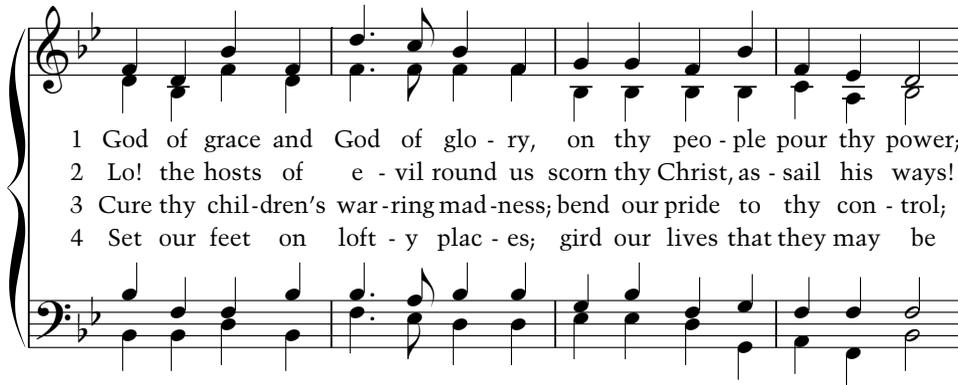
God of Grace and God of Glory

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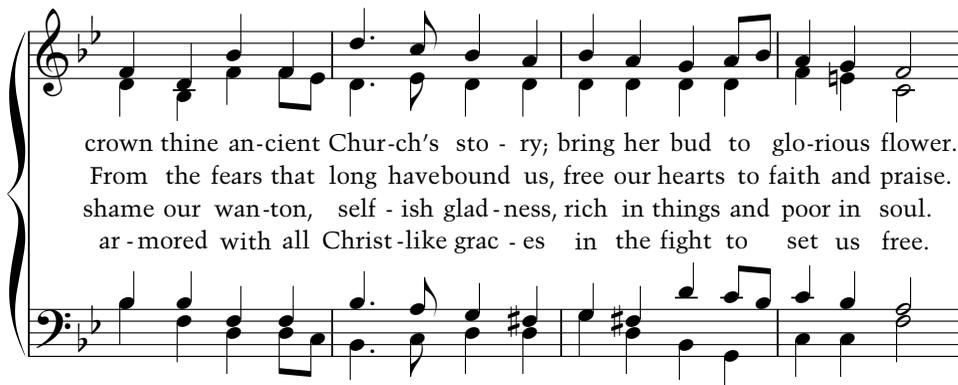
Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.

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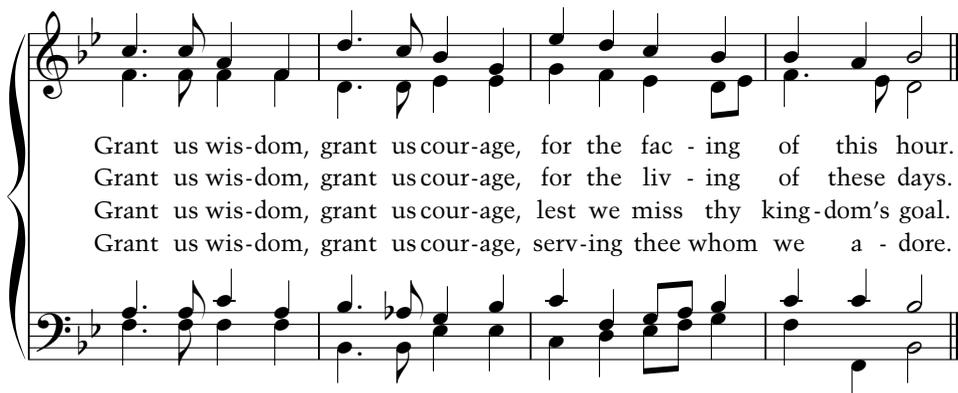
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness; bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that they may be



crown thine an-cient Chur-ch's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo-rious flower.
From the fears that long havebound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
shame our wan-ton, self - ish glad-ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
ar - mored with all Christ-like grac - es in the fight to set us free.



Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, for the fac - ing of this hour.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, for the liv - ing of these days.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, serv-ing thee whom we a - dore.